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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO CANBERRA, KUALA LUMPUR,
BANGKOK FROM SINGAPORE 230400Z AUG 76:

QUOTE S E C R E T SINGAPORE 3974

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY USE OF SINGAPORE FACILITIES

REF: STATE 207358

1. I MET WITH AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER BIRCH AUGUST 23
AND WENT OVER WITH HIM PRESENTATION OUTLINED REFTEL. HE HAS NO
INTENTION OF APPROACHING PRIME MINISTER LEE UNTIL HE HAS
RECEIVED FIRM INSTRUCTIONS FROM CANBERRA.

2. BIRCH IS VERY POSITIVE ON THIS ISSUE, AND WANTS TO BE AS
HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE. HE IS TREATING IT ON A CLOSE
HOLD BASIS WITHIN HIS MISSION, AND WILL MENTION IT ONLY
TO HIS DEFENSE ADVISER.

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3. I NOTE THAT IN REFTTEL PARA 2 B IT IS STATED THAT WE MAY
INCREASE PATTERN OF MAC SUPPORT FLIGHTS FROM INTERMITTENT
BASIS TO TWICE A WEEK ONCE THE PATTERN HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.
I SUGGEST CAUTION IN THIS REGARD SO AS NOT TO GIVE PRIME MINISTER
LEE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE PUSHING HIM. INCREASE AS FREQUENCY
MIGHT AWAIT ASSESSMENT OF SUCH FACTORS AS PRESS AND PUBLIC REACTION
(IF ANY), TIMING OF NEXT GENERAL ELECTIONS IN SIN-
GAPORE, AND PM LEE' OWN JUDGMENT OF WHAT THE
TRAFFIC WILL BEAR. HOLDRIDGE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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